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Honorable John A. Hughes, Secretary  
State of Delaware  
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control  
89 Kings Highway  
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Secretary Hughes:

It is with great pleasure that the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is today approving the State of Delaware's revised Regulation Governing Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Parts 122 and 123. The revised regulations were published on February 1, 2006 in the Delaware Register and became effective on February 11, 2006 in Delaware. EPA received a letter on June 21, 2006 from Kevin Donnelly, Director of the Division of Water Resources, the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), formally requesting EPA's approval of Delaware's Storm Water Regulations. Delaware has elected to use the regulation itself as the general permit governing such activities. Pursuant to Section 402(b) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342(b), and 40 C.F.R. § 122.46(a), our approval is for a permit term of five years.

We congratulate you for the effort that DNREC put forth in making the revisions to Delaware's General Permit Program regarding storm water. We hope that the efficiencies and enhanced environmental controls made possible by the revised regulation will contribute to the ongoing improvement in the State's water quality. EPA looks forward to working with DNREC in continuing our efforts toward the prevention and control of water pollution in the State of Delaware.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Donald S. Welsh", is positioned above the typed name.

Donald S. Welsh  
Regional Administrator

cc: Kevin Donnelly, Director  
DNREC Division of Water Resources

